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sacrifices of the nights she wasn't home so we could work well. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the opening on LR 278. Open for discussion. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, there's little that I could add to the accolades by Senator Kristensen, but I think it is important that we acknowledge the contributions of all of the employees of the Legislature who have labored so diligently and so well for so many years, including Mary Turner. It is unfortunate that we are here this morning and we all would have wished for her many more years and a bountiful retirement, but all of us are better for it. All of our work has been better for the work of Mary Turner and I would share with you that we will all miss her presence around the Legislature. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, certain activities of these kind I ordinarily do not participate in, even if it involves a member of my own family, but this is a lady who did the kind of work that I prize very highly in the same way I prize the work of the people who preserve this building. What we say on this floor is transcribed and maintained for generations to come. When you have an individual with the care, the...I think it takes tenacity, the understanding of how important the work is that is done by those who transcribe, I have to say how much I appreciate that work. But there is another level at which I had a chance to make contact with Mary. If a word was uttered by me, if a name was given by me, she would call me and we would have conversations. Sometimes she would say, well, actually, I know how to spell that word but I just thought we needed to have a little conversation; or, I knew who you were talking about because I was around when he or she was. I meant it was the kind of relationship which I, of all people, especially appreciated around here because she always treated me like a human being. I try not to wait until somebody has breathed his or her last and